

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:403
ANSWERED ON:10.04.2003
FIRE IN DIGBOI REFINERY
BHASKAR RAO PATIL;RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ULFA militants in Assam have recently set fire to petroleum product storage terminal of IOCL located in the Digboi refinery premises;
- (b) if so, the details thereof with estimated loss of lives and properties suffered;
- (c) whether the safety and security measures being adopted by the Government at various strategic oil installations and refineries are inadequate;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.403 BY S, SHRI BHASKARRAO PATIL AND RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH APRIL, 2003 REGARDING F DIGBOI REFINERY.

(a) & (b): On 7th March, 2003, at around 2350 hours, suspected ULFA militants firedammunition at a tank containing 4500 Kilolitres of Petrol at Digboi refinery of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)As a result, fire broke out in the tank. While, there was no injury to any personnel due to this fire, IOCL suffered an estimated loss of Rs.14.47 crore which is covered by insurance.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e): The security of oil installations in Assam is looked after by the security staff of the Oil Companies, Central Industrial Security Force and Assam Police. The security status is reviewed on a regular basis in coordination with the State Government.After the recent incident, security has been further tightened. The State Government have also been requested to review the security of oil installations in the State in the light of the incident.